

REMARKS

Pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

In this amendment, claim 12 has been amended to substantially adopt the Examiner's amendment indicated in the Notice of Allowance mailed December 17, 2003. Applicants wish to respectfully point out, however, that the Examiner's amendment was not adopted *in toto*; in particular, Applicants believe that it is only necessary for claim 12 to recite "a first dimension" to address any indefiniteness issues in the claims depending from claim 12.

Additionally, dependent claims 25-27 and 51-53 have been amended to correct a minor informality noted during a review of the claims upon receipt of the December 17, 2003 Notice of Allowance.

Finally, Applicants note that a Revocation of Prior Powers and New Power of Attorney was filed in this application on October 6, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that further correspondence in this application be directed to the Applicants new representatives at the address indicated below.

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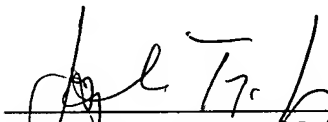
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

Respectfully submitted,

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